



Federal Student Aid Penalties for Drug Law Violations

Please be advised that a conviction for any offense, during a period of enrollment for which the student was receiving Title IV or California State funds*, under any federal or state law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs, will result in the loss of eligibility for any Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) grant, loan, or work-study assistance. A conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from your record does not count, nor does one received when you were a juvenile, unless you were tried as an adult. ([HEA Sec. 484\(r\)\(1\)](#)); (20 U.S.C. 1091(r)(1)).

Further, PAU will provide notice in a timely manner to each student who has lost eligibility for Title IV or California State funds as a result of the penalties under HEA Sec. 484(r)(1). The notice will detail the loss of eligibility and will advise the student of the ways in which the student can regain eligibility under [HEA Sec. 484\(r\)\(2\)](#); (20 U.S.C. 1091(r)(2))

**PAU participates in the following Title IV and California State financial aid programs: Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Federal Work Study, Federal Direct Loan Program, Cal Grant, and Chafee Grant. For more information about these programs see our website at: <https://www.paloalto.edu/admissions/admissions-resources/financial-aid-and-scholarships/funding-options>*